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DIESELS TO MAKE MOSCOW-SOCHI RUN -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 92, 18 Apr 50

With the introduction of the summer schedule the first Diesel trains will begin operations on the Moscow-Sochi line. The six-car trains will make the Moscow-Sochi run in 37 hours instead of the usual 54. At the beginning of the summer these trains will be dispatched by special assignment, and later will leave every day.

The number of suburban trains will be increased, and on many railroad systems the electric trains in suburban service will have nine cars instead of six.

DIESEL TRAINS ON ESTONIAN SYSTEM -- Pravda, No 106, 16 Apr 50

The first two Diesel trains, which will operate on the Tallin Riga line, arrived recently in Estonian SSR. A third train will arrive in the near future.

ASHKHABAD SYSTEMS TESTS IMPROVED DIESEL -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 85, 29 Apr 50

A team from the All-Union Scientific Research Institute of Railroad Transport has arrived at the Ashkhabad Railroad System to test a modernized Diesel locomotive. The tests have given positive results.

RIGA PLANT PRODUCES NEW ELECTRIC TRAIN -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 85, 29 Apr 50

The assembly shop of the Riga Railroad Car Building Plant has produced an electric train which is being sent to one of the electrified lines in the Moscow area.

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ELECTRIC TRAIN OUT OF SVERDLOVSK -- Putevka, No 32, 14 May 50

On 12 March a six-car electric train left the Sverdlovsk station on its first trip. The train was handled by a locomotive engineer from the Sverdlovsk Marshaling Electric Locomotive Depot.

1,000 KILOMETERS ELECTRIFIED YEARLY -- Krasnaya Zvezda, No 96, 22 Apr 50

During the postwar period an average of up to 1,000 kilometers of railroad has been electrified yearly.

CARRIES 12 MILLION PASSENGERS YEARLY -- Gudok, No 18, 10 Feb 50

In the 5 years that the Moscow-Nakhabino line of the Kalinin Railroad System has been electrified, electric trains have carried about 65 million passengers on the line.

ASHKHABAD RR CENTER BEING RESTORED -- Gudok, No 21, 17 Feb 50

The earthquake which hit Ashkhabad in 1948 ruined almost all of the Ashkhabad railroad center. Reconstruction is going full blast on the main Diesel locomotive shops, the locomotive depots, and other enterprises of the center. The Administration of the Ashkhabad Railroad System has been housed in a new building.

BRYANSK LOCOMOTIVE PLANT CRITICIZED -- Pravda, No 136, 16 May 50

The Bryansk Locomotive Building Plant completed the 1948 gross-production plan 123 percent and achieved 8 million rubles of above-plan accumulations. The 1949 program for output of gross production was also exceeded, output of locomotives was increased considerably, and production of refrigerator cars was mastered.

However, in 1949 there was a decline in the operations of the plant, the plan for the output of railroad cars was not completed, and the plant ended the economic year with a 2-million-ruble loss. The production plan for January of this year was also not completed. The plant improved its work somewhat in February, began to lag again in the first half of March, and in April again made some gains.

One of the reasons for the poor operation of the plant is that during the first half of the month the preparing shops (cast iron and steel founding) work under pressure and the steam machinery and assembling shops are only half loaded, while during the second half of the month the latter work under pressure and the former relax their efforts. There is a large amount of breakage in the plant, especially in the cast-iron and steel-casting shops, because of infringements of technological regulations and a lack of the necessary order.

According to Begtin, the plant's director, the Ministry of Transport Machine Building does not see to it that plants supplying goods to the plant deliver the orders on time. Thus, this month the first locomotive boiler arrived in Bryansk from Izhorskiy Zavod on 7 May.

LENINGRAD PLANT TO MAKE MAIL CARS -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 83, 7 Apr 50

The Plant imeni Yegorov in Leningrad is preparing to manufacture mail cars of a new type.

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